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NEWS on TWO

BLACKPOOL v BOLTON IS ALWAYS SPECIAL

Like Manchester United v Manchester City, Arsenal v Spurs, Celtic v Rangers, the annual meetings of Blackpool and Bolton are special "derby" occasions.

Two clubs with fabulous traditions – traditions that have never died. Two clubs who generate the kind of electricity when they meet that will never fade.

The flame of the tradition was inevitably fanned by the memorable 1953 FA Cup Final meeting which forever dominates a large corner of Football history.

Lofthouse and Matthews have gone. Now there is a new generation of stars; Suddaby and Hart, Jones and Allardyce, Walsh and Whatmore.

The last few seasons have been agonisingly frustrating for both Bolton and Blackpool. Both have come within a hair's breadth of achieving their golden goal – promotion to Division I.

Little has separated the sides in recent seasons in terms of results or league positions although Blackpool enjoyed supremacy last season.

Blackpool sailed to a 3–0 win at Burnden Park and Billy Ronson's goal gave them a 1–0 win here.

Bolton took three out of four points the season before.

What does the new season hold? More promise, undoubtedly, as today's Anglo-Scottish Cuptie will probably underline.

Bolton fans were delighted to see dashing winger Peter Thompson make a comeback and add a touch of class to proceedings. And Scottish wing king Willie Morgan hit inspiring form at the end of last season as Bolton and Blackpool battled for promotion.

Both clubs have brilliant defenders – Bolton in Sam Allardyce and Paul Jones – Blackpool in skipper Peter Suddaby and Paul Hart – temporarily in midfield.

And Micky Walsh and Neil Whatmore will no doubt again be vying for the honour of topping the goal-scoring charts.

Blackpool's Bob Hatton reckons he can push for the honour, too. And it will be interesting to see how Trevor Finnigan copes with his first full season and his first "derby" game.

As the players of both sides tune up for the new season they are no doubt hoping that next year's fixtures will be under the First Division banner.



BOLTON WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Back Row (left to right): PETER THOMPSON (inset), PETER REID, GARRY JONES, ROY GREAVES, MIKE WALSH, BRIAN SMITH, PAUL JONES (inset)
Middle Row (left to right): JOHN BYROM (now Blackburn Rovers), SAM ALLARDYCE, JIM McDONAGH, ANDY SLACK, PETER NICHOLSON,
NEIL WHATMORE, ALAN WALDRON (inset)

Front Row (left to right): HUGHIE CURRAN, STEVE TAYLOR, JOHN RITSON, WILLIE MORGAN, TONY DUNNE

Today's Visitors

BOLTON WANDERERS

Jim McDonagh. Joined the Wanderers at the start of last season on a month's loan from Rotherham United. Impressed, and was signed for a £10,000 fee as cover to Barry Siddall. He got an immediate promotion with the transfer of Siddall to Sunderland. Jim is not tall for a goalkeeper but makes up for this with agility, bravery and a very safe pair of hands.

John Ritson. Club skipper, John was born in Liverpool and came to Bolton from school-boy soccer. Graduated through the junior sides and is now strong defender who likes to attack down the flank.

Tony Dunne. Eire international who played for most of his career with Manchester United. Was a member of the European Cup winning side and since coming to Bolton has proved to be a favourite with the fans.

Roy Greaves. Roy has completed 10 years with the Wanderers and had a testimonial game in the close season. He is a non-stop worker in midfield and is one of the few players to come from the Bolton area to join the Wanderers.

Paul Jones. Born in Ellesmere Port, Cheshire. Paul is another player who was called on by former England boss Don Revie to join the Under-23 squad – last season he had a trip to Budapest with them. He is a commanding player in the middle of the defence and is very good in the air.

Sam Allardyce. Born in Birmingham, Sam is one of the "finds" of last season. It was his first full season and he emerged as an outstanding defender and was voted "Player of the Year" by the Wanderers supporters.

Willie Morgan. Started his career with Burnley then moved to Manchester United for a big fee. He returned to Burnley and was signed by the Wanderers towards the end of last season. A Scottish international and member of the last World Cup squad.

Neil Whatmore. Strong attacker with a flair for scoring goals. He hit 13 goals last season to become the club's joint top scorer. Is good in the air.

Garry Jones. Manchester-born Garry had his best season for some time scoring 13 goals. He is a strong running attacker who has the ability to put pressure on defenders.

Peter Reid. Another young player who came to the fore last year. Peter was discovered playing for Royton schoolboys and graduated through the junior sides to win a regular place in the first team. Reads the game well and is a fine passer of the ball.

Peter Thompson. Peter is the former Liverpool and England winger who has won most of the honours in the game. A very tricky player, he is another player who is a firm favourite with the supporters.

Steve Taylor. Born near Oldham, Steve got his first team chance last season mainly due to injuries. But he seized the chance well, quickly becoming the club's leading scorer. He is a strong, aggressive player who is good in the air. Has a good turn of speed also. Steve joined the Wanderers from school and graduated through the club's junior sides.

Mike Walsh. Mike is Manchester-born and joined the club from school. He has yet to win a regular place in the side but is equally at home either in midfield or at full-back.

Brian Smith. Born at Walkden, near Manchester, Brian is a hard working player who is on the verge of gaining a place in the side. Made a handful of appearances last season.

Hugh Curran. Scottish international who missed most of last season because of a series of knee operations. He regained full fitness in the last month of the season and is looking forward to making his mark in the new season.

Alan Waldron. Alan was unable to earn a regular place in the side last season. Speedy, skilful player, he spent the summer in America where he played for Chicago Stings.

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ALLAN BROWN COLUMN

It has been an eventful start to the season one way or another. What with that amazing turnabout at Blackburn and Tuesday's goal feast at Burnley.

Some fans may have been severely critical after our defeat at Blackburn. But for over an hour we played some of the best football I have seen us play.

Teams are always judged by results, regardless of performance, so it was perhaps not surprising that we should be criticised for our collapse at Ewood Park.

But despite the 4-0 scoreline at Burnley on Tuesday, did we play better football? I'll leave the critics to debate the argument.

We certainly took our chances better at Burnley. And this must be the thing to emphasise – in both matches we created a welter of chances.

Regardless of performance, you stand a better chance of winning the more chances you make. How often could a side do like Blackburn did and take three out of three chances?

I do not believe the pre-season matches are a fool-proof pointer to a side's League prospects. But if a side is playing badly pre-season and creating no chances *that* is cause to worry.

Thankfully, we are showing a lot of skill and creativity.

I will ensure that when we have good results we do not get complacent. For complacency can often be the greatest enemy.

But I am sure our players are steady enough not to get carried away by good results. We have built a side on a combination of skill *AND* effort. That is why I look confidently ahead to a good season.



Blackpool

Colours: Tangerine Shirts
White Shorts, Tangerine Stockings

- 1 George Wood
- 2 Paul Gardner
- 3 Steve Harrison
- 4 Billy Ronson
- 5 Stan McEwan
- 6 Peter Suddaby
- 7 Paul Hart
- 8 David Tong
- 9 Micky Walsh
- 10 Bob Hatton
- 11 Trevor Finnigan

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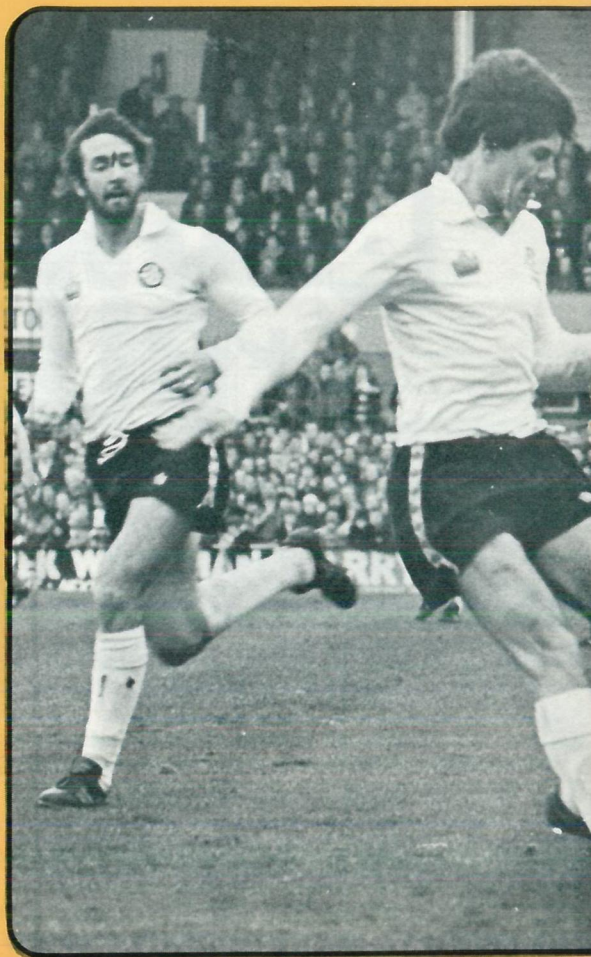
NEXT HOME GAMES

Football League Division Two

Saturday, 20th August
Blackpool v. Oldham Athletic
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Central League

Tuesday, 23rd August
Blackpool Res. v. Preston N.E. Res.
Kick-off 7.30 p.m.



Blackpool's Bob Hatton in a tussle with E

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Bolton's Paul Jones in last season's game.

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 Second Division Runners-up
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Bolton Wan.

Colours: White Shirts

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- 1 Jim McDonagh
 - 2 Andy Clements
 - 3 Tony Dunne
 - 4 Roy Greaves
 - 5 Mike Walsh
 - 6 Sam Allardyce
 - 7 Ray Train
 - 8 Neil Whatmore
 - 9 Steve Taylor
 - 10 Peter Reid
 - 11 Peter Thompson
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Nov. 5	Sheffield Utd. .
19	Millwall .
Dec. 3	Brighton & H. A. .
17	Southampton .
27	Bolton Wan. .
31	Orient .
Jan. 14	Charlton Ath. .
Feb. 4	Blackburn R. .
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ACTION FOCUS

Right: Determination from Willie Morgan.

Bottom Left: Paul Jones on the verge of England honours.

Bottom Right: First "derby" for Blackpool's 'new boy' Trevor Finnigan.



Seaside's Season 76-77

date	fixture	att.	res.	pts.	pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1976																	
Aug.																	
11	BURNLEY (AST)	9,386	2-1	—	—	Wood	Curtis	Bentley	Tong†	Hart	Suddaby	Ronson	Suddick	Ainscow	Hatton-2	Harrison	Hockaday
24	Bristol Rovers	5,845	4-1	2	—	Wood	Curtis	Bentley	Tong	Hart	Suddaby	Ronson	Suddick	Ainscow	Hatton	Harrison	Moore
21	OLDHAM ATH.	12,974	0-2	—	—	Wood	Curtis	Bentley	Tong	Hart	Suddaby	Ronson	Suddick	Walsh	Hatton	Ainscow	Moore
28	ORIENT	7,924	3-0	4	3	Wood	Curtis	Bentley	Tong	Hart	Suddaby	Ronson	Suddick	Walsh-2	Hatton	Moore	Hockaday
Sept.																	
31	BIRMINGHAM LC2	12,203	2-1	—	—	Wood	Curtis	Bentley	Tong	Hart	Suddaby	Ronson	Suddick	Walsh	Hatton	Moore	Hockaday
11	Blackburn Rovers	10,174	3-0	6	1	Wood	Curtis	Bentley	Tong	Hart	Suddaby	Ronson	Suddick	Walsh-2	Hatton	Moore	Hockaday
11	MILLWALL	8,881	4-2	8	1	Wood	Curtis	Bentley	Tong	Hart	Suddaby	Ronson	Suddick	Walsh	Hatton	Moore	Hockaday
18	Notts County	9,598	0-2	8	4	Wood	Gardner	Bentley	Tong	Hart	Suddaby	Ronson	Suddick	Walsh	Hatton	Moore	Hockaday
21	ARSENAL (LC3)	18,883	1-1	—	—	Wood	Gardner	Bentley	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Hockaday	Suddick	Walsh	Hatton	Harrison	Hockaday
25	CHELSEA	19,041	0-0	8	6	Wood	Gardner	Bentley	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Hockaday	Suddick	Walsh	Hatton	Moore	Harrison
28	Arsenal (LC3 1st R)	27,165	0-0	—	—	Wood	Gardner	Bentley	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Hockaday	Suddick	Walsh	Hatton	Moore	Harrison
Oct.																	
2	Bolton Wanderers	18,680	3-0	10	3	Wood	Gardner	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Ainscow	Suddick	Walsh	Hatton†	Bentley	Hockaday
5	Arsenal (LC3 2nd R)	26,791	0-2	—	—	Wood	Gardner	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Ainscow	Suddick	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Hockaday
9	PLYMOUTH A.	12,686	0-2	11	6	Wood	Gardner	Bentley	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Ainscow	Suddick	Walsh	Hatton	Farey	Hockaday
12	CARDIFF UNITED	8,427	1-1	10	3	Wood	Gardner	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Ainscow	Suddick	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Farey
16	NOTTINGHAM F.	17,089	1-0	13	2	Wood	Gardner	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Ainscow	Suddick	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Suddick
23	Cardiff City	12,323	2-2	14	2	Wood	Gardner	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Ainscow	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Suddick
30	WOLVES	21,005	2-2	15	3	Wood	Gardner	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Ainscow	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Weston
Nov.																	
13	SHEFFIELD UTD.	13,506	1-0	18	3	Wood	Gardner	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Weston	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Moore
20	Charlton Ath. (1)	12,045	2-1	20	3	Wood	Gardner	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Weston	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Moore
27	FULHAM	16,779	3-2	22	2	Wood	Gardner	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Weston	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Moore
Dec.																	
4	Luton Town	9,163	0-0	23	2	Wood	Gardner	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	McEwan	Suddick	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	McEwan
11	HEREFORD U. (2)	9,779	1-0	A	—	Wood	Gardner	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	McEwan	Suddick	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	McEwan
18	Southampton	14,918	3-3	24	4	Wood	Curtis	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Weston	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	McEwan
27	CARDIFF UTD.	17,075	0-0	25	4	Wood	Curtis	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Weston	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	McEwan
28	Burnley	19,640	0-0	26	5	Wood	Curtis	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Weston	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	McEwan
1977																	
Jan.																	
1	HULL CITY	12,503	0-0	27	5	Wood	Curtis	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Summerbee	Spence	Walsh	Tong	Bentley	Ainscow
8	DERBY C. (F.A.Cup 3)	19,442	0-0	—	—	Wood	Curtis	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Ainscow	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Tong
15	Oldham Athletic	12,411	0-1	27	5	Wood	Curtis	Harrison	Ronson†	Hart	Suddaby	Ainscow	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Tong
19	League Cup SF																
22	BRISTOL ROVERS	9,288	4-0	29	4	Wood	Curtis	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Ainscow	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Tong
Feb.																	
5	Orient	P															
12	BLACKBURN R.	14,922	1-1	30	4	Wood	Curtis	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Ainscow	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Moore
14	HEREFORD U.	8,535	2-1	33	4	Wood	Curtis	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Ainscow	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Moore
19	Millwall	10,561	1-1	33	4	Wood	Curtis	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Ainscow	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Moore
26	NOTTS C. (5)	10,275	1-1	34	4	Wood	Curtis	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Ainscow	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Moore
Mar.																	
5	Wolves	23,879	1-2	34	4	Wood	Curtis	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Ainscow	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Moore
12	Chelsea	27,484	2-2	35	5	Wood	Curtis	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Ainscow	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Moore
19	BOLTON W. (LCF)	23,827	1-0	37	5	Wood	Curtis	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Ainscow	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Moore
19	Plymouth A. (6)	9,724	0-3	37	6	Wood	Gardner	Harrison	Summerbee	Hart	Suddaby	Weston	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Summerbee
26	Nottingham Forest	16,245	0-2	37	7	Wood	Gardner	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Ainscow	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Hockaday
Apr.																	
9	CARDIFF CITY	7,351	1-0	39	7	Wood	Curtis	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Ainscow	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Tong
12	BURNLEY	14,526	1-1	40	7	Wood	Gardner	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Hockaday†	Summerbee	Walsh	Hatton	Tong†	McEwan
16	Sheffield United	18,357	5-1	42	7	Wood	Gardner	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	McEwan	Spence	Walsh	Finnigan	Bentley	Finnigan
23	CHARLTON A.	8,686	2-2	43	7	Wood	Gardner	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	McEwan	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Finnigan
30	Fulham (SF)	10,956	0-0	44	7	Wood	Gardner	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	McEwan	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Finnigan
May																	
10	LUTON TOWN	9,277	1-0	46	7	Wood	Gardner	Harrison	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	McEwan	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Finnigan
17	Hereford United	5,312	1-1	47	7	Wood	Gardner	Harrison†	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Finnigan	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Bentley	Spence
10	Orient	5,237	1-0	49	5	Wood	Gardner	Milligan	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Finnigan	Spence	Walsh	Wilson	Tong	Spence
14	SOUTHAMPTON	10,768	1-0	51	5	Wood	Gardner	Milligan	Ronson	Hart	Suddaby	Finnigan	Spence	Walsh	Hatton	Tong	Tong
21	F.A. Cup Final																

Home fixtures in CAPITALS Blackpool's score first Scorer's name in bold †Denotes substituted player

POT HUNTING

Hornsea Pottery, Lancaster, have shown sponsors the way by agreeing to pump a priceless £600 into backing our first League match of the season at home to Oldham next Saturday.

The world-famous pottery's enthusiastic young directors are also giving a coffee set to any player who is first to score two goals in the match.

The pottery has a 42-acre site at Lancaster and has done a lot for sport in the North West.

Alan Bryant, the manager and publicity officer, who has done wonders since he joined this year from Blackpool Corporation Publicity Department, promoted the idea to sponsor the "derby" game.

A Blackpool shareholder and supporter for 40 years, Mr. Bryant says there are several Blackpool fans at Hornsey Pottery. Most are members of the Lancaster branch of the Supporters' Club.

As our club made a record £11,000 last year thanks to Bob Waite's drive and enthusiasm, it was particularly encouraging to kick off with Hornsea Pottery's great sponsorship for the very first match of the season.

Let us hope the other firms follow their example so that development funds are swelled sufficiently to help ease the massive costs of running a football club and help Allan Brown strengthen his team if he feels it is necessary.



Blackpool captain PETER SUDDABY — can he repeat last season's brilliance?

Central League Fixtures

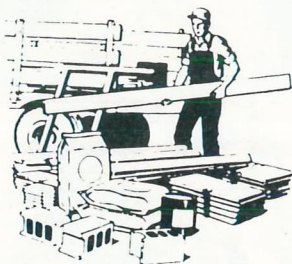
date	fixture	res.	pts.	pos.
1976				
Aug.	21 NEWCASTLE UNITED	1-0	2	
	25 Stoke City	1-1	3	
	28 Manchester United	1-1	4	
Sept.	4 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	0-1	4	
	11 Blackburn Rovers	0-1	4	
	18 LIVERPOOL	1-7	4	
	25 Leeds United	P	4	
	28 COVENTRY CITY	2-3	4	
Oct.	5 WEST BROM. ALBION	1-1	5	
	19 Bolton Wanderers	4-1	6	
	23 DERBY COUNTY	0-0	7	
	30 Coventry City	0-3	7	
	30 Wolverhampton W.	0-1	7	
Nov.	2 SHEFFIELD UNITED	0-0	8	
	6 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	0-3	8	
	13 Nottingham Forest	1-3	8	
	20 EVERTON	2-1	10	
	27 Aston Villa	1-2	10	
Dec.	4 MANCHESTER CITY	P	P	
	11 Burnley	2-1	12	
	18 WOLVERHAMPTON W.	0-1	12	
	28 BURY	2-2	13	
1977				
Jan.	15 STOKE CITY	2-3	13	
	22 Newcastle United	P	13	
Feb.	1 Preston North End	1-3	13	
	5 MANCHESTER UNITED	0-1	13	
	12 Burnley	2-2	14	
	19 SHROPSHIRE BOYS	2-2	14	
	26 LIVERPOOL	1-0	16	
Mar.	5 LEEDS UNITED	P	P	
	12 West Brom. Albion	1-2	16	
	19 BOLTON WANDERERS	3-1	18	
	22 PRESTON NORTH END	2-0	20	
	26 Derby County	2-0	22	
Apr.	9 Bury	1-2	22	
	18 Huddersfield Town	1-1	23	
	23 ASTON VILLA	1-2	23	
	26 NOTTINGHAM FOREST	4-1	25	
May	30 Everton	3-0	27	
	3 Sheffield United	0-3	27	
	7 BURNLEY	0-1	27	
	14 Manchester City	2-2	28	
	21 F.A. Cup Final			

TO-DAY'S REFEREE

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A married man, with two daughters, he is Chief Order Clerk for a colour printing company in Accrington.

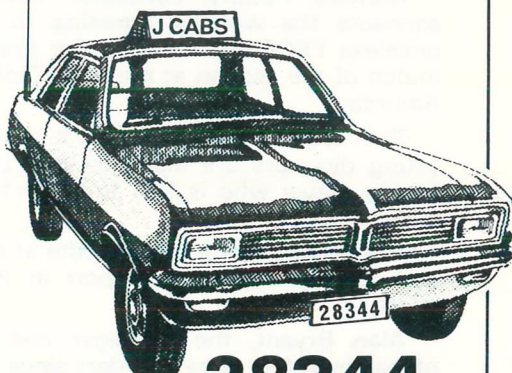
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Supporters' Club Notes

As this is the first full programme of the season may I on behalf of the Officials and Members of the Supporters' Club wish Blackpool Football Club every possible success during the coming season. We only failed to gain promotion by one point and an inferior goal average and everybody on the staff is determined to do just that much better this season.

We welcome today our friends from Bolton and trust that it will be a case of third time lucky for them this season after they have in the past two seasons looked certain for promotion and then failed to stay the course.

Social Club

The Supporters' Social Club which is just outside the South West corner of the ground by the bridge is in full swing during the summer season with our Chief Steward Bill Turner and his staff running the two bars, Steve on the Organ, Brian on the Drums and with a different Artist every evening. Tony Roads appears every Monday night, Lee James every Tuesday, Vic Owen every Wednesday, Lindsay Adams every Thursday and Hal and Val every Friday. There are different Artists each weekend and old favourite Patrick Kane is on duty tonight and Brian Christian tomorrow night. Visitors to the town are very welcome particularly Members of other Supporters' Clubs. Since the Social Club opened in September 1966 we have entertained Supporters from not only all parts of England but from Ireland, Scotland and Wales and even a few Countries further afield than that.

Committee Changes

During the summer Bob Myring and Ken Stone have retired from the Committee. Both of them served on the Committee for several years and will

be greatly missed. Bob would turn his hand to anything and assist in any way possible while Ken's chief claim to fame was to start the tote double some years ago and during the last winter he was one of the prime movers in the very successful open Darts Fours competition.

Their places on the Committee have been taken by Bob Wilson, who has served on the Committee before and who is responsible for the evening refreshments, and Norman Turner. We express our sympathy to Committee man Denis Lord (formerly the Club Vice-Chairman) on the death of his wife Eva, last month. Eva had been a member of the Social Club since it opened and was a popular figure.

Subscriptions

Members' subscriptions fell due on August 1st and should be paid to Mrs. Sue Carden at the Social Club or if she is not around the subscription can be left with doorman Sam. The full membership fee for the Social Club is 55p and worth every penny. On the other hand, if you do not wish to take part in the social activities, we shall be glad to have you as a member of the Supporters' Club only and the fee is 20p.

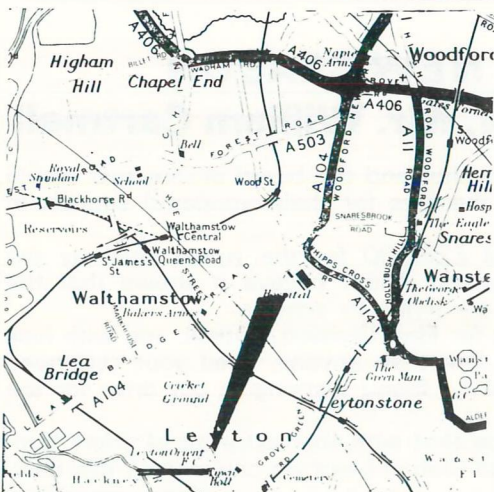
Sa'eeda

The writer was disappointed that there was only an abridged programme for last Wednesday evening's game against our friends from the Middle East as there was no room for the Supporters' Notes.

It would have been nice to welcome our visitors with an Arabic greeting such as "sa'eeda" or "Masaalaama" or "Allah es alemak" with a few "shufti this" and "shufti that" interspersed.

HARRY ALKER

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WELCOME TO A NEW SEASON FROM THE CHAIRMAN, Mr. William Cartmell

The new season has come round like a shot and the board of directors would like to take this opportunity of thanking the fans for their wonderful support in buying season tickets.

To have sailed past last year's record £28,500 for the *whole* year, by the start of AUGUST is a fantastic achievement. And I believe it shows that the town has kept faith with what the board are trying to achieve.

We are united in our ambitions to fight for First Division football, and with luck we can make it this year. The players, more than anyone, need your continued vocal support and I am sure they will not be found wanting in our drive for the top flight.

We were close last season. Let us hope that with that extra bit of effort from all of us with the good of Blackpool Football Club at heart we can make it this time.

Happy watching.